



IN THIS ISSUE...

...as usual, you'll find **great information** from the A.I.A. President, our AVFD Chief, our Security Manager, the Design Review Manager and others. Also, on page 6 of this issue you'll find the **results of the recent voting** that have been compiled by the Voting Committee. Much thanks to all the volunteers led by Board Election Chair Carol Flick. Your service to all of us is invaluable!

This winter started off in fits and spurts, but thankfully this week sees us making up for a very dry start. The National Weather Service is not predicting a wet winter again this year which could leave us with fire danger again this summer. Forewarned is forearmed.

But, the snow dances of all were heard and so my favorite season at Arrowhead has begun in earnest. Now it is time to think about Arrowhead's best sports- X-country skiing, snowshoeing and snowmobiling! I have created another Facebook page for our Arrowhead Snowmobile Club, so take a look! Click here for the [ASC Facebook Page](#) or get to it from the AIA Website and if you haven't joined yet, read up on why you should on page 21!

On a personal note, thank you all for the many warm wishes and words of thanks to Bob and me! I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Melissa Hernandez
Communications Manager

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The Year in Pictures

On pages 8-12, you'll find photos of Arrowhead highlighting the past year. It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, but through it all we enjoyed the community we all share!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Bob Hernandez

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday season, and a Happy New Year.

I want to also thank all my friends and neighbors who have supported the Boards I have served on over the past 3 and a half years and as president for the past two years. This will be my last president's message as I am coming off the Board on January 19th. It has been a real privilege to be on the Board and serve the community. It has been incredible to lead a diverse group of dedicated and loyal Board members whose sole purpose is to honestly do what is best for the community. It has been trying at times and I have learned why so many of our past Board members have suffered under the criticism of, in some cases, a harassing minority who sadly feel no need to extend basic courtesies to those who have stepped up to serve the AIA.

It's now a good time to join the Arrowhead Snowmobile Club (ASC) for 2013 if you haven't already joined or renewed your membership. The club plays a vital part in our winter activities, including fun and recreation as well as safety and keeping the filing roads passable for emergency vehicles and comfortable for our driving through the neighborhood. Please do support the club. The ASC also saves the AIA over \$150,000 by alleviating the need for the AIA to acquire its own groomer and with our lease arrangement making grooming the filing roads over the winter very affordable, averaging under \$5,000 a year for all costs associated with grooming the filing roads. Just to be clear, this is completely separate from the snowmobile club's up-country grooming operations done to improve the enjoyment of snowmobilers from all over the state. Our close association with the ASC is a real win-win and a valued amenity for all of us. Your membership is instrumental for this relationship and savings. The club has received its second grant and will be getting a newer groomer this year that will benefit all Arrowhead property owners.

I would like to thank our departing board member Larry Bruestle for his 16 months of dedicated service and contributions to Arrowhead. He stepped forward to serve the community when there was an urgent need to fill a vacancy as allowed by our bylaws. He will be missed. Please extend your thanks to Larry in person whenever you see him next.

I want to point out that his service isn't diminished, as some claim, because he was appointed by the Board vs. elected by the community at large. All who step forward for volunteer positions and other positions to serve the AIA are the treasures of our community and I personally thank them all and have enjoyed serving with them.

I hope everyone has a great winter at Arrowhead.

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FIRE CHIEF'S MESSAGE



Brent Mims

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The Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department would like to both welcome the incoming Arrowhead Improvements Association Board members and thank the outgoing members for the countless hours that they have spent addressing community issues. Thank you.

With the start of the winter season here at Arrowhead, we would like to remind everyone that we will be training regularly with the new fire department snowcat. If you meet the snowcat on a snowmobile trail and it is only displaying the orange utility vehicle light, the operator will move to the right and stop while you pass by. If you meet the snowcat and it is displaying a flashing red visor light in addition to its orange utility vehicle light, it is on an emergency call and we ask that you pull to the right side of the trail, stop, and allow it to pass by you. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

On a less encouraging note, November's drought report is out and our area of the state is listed as being in extreme drought conditions with only 58% of average precipitation in November. That, coupled with the long term experimental forecast showing decreased chances of precipitation throughout much of the state during the January through March timeframe and above average temperatures during the same timeframe, may lead to some safety concerns. Please be extra vigilant for hidden obstacles when riding a snowmobile this winter. Also, begin to prepare yourself for the possibility of another summer with high fire danger. Do your snowdance!!!

The AVFD is wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season and new year!



SECURITY'S MESSAGE



Reinie Masanetz
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Another busy holiday season is upon us and we ask that you keep safety in mind also. The filing roads are still open, but it's possible they might be closed by the time this Smoke Signal gets published and mailed. Please check the <http://arrowhead1.org> website, which will post the most recent road closure and conditions. In preparation for when Security will be traveling by snowmobile, please mark your driveways to help us access your property safely. There have been occasions when grills, outdoor equipment, etc. have obstructed the path for security, posing danger to Security personnel and the Security snowmobile. At this time, we are unable to mark the trails due to the lack of snow as it requires a certain depth to hold up a trail marker pole. Please stay on trails and do not create "ghost trails" as they can confuse people. While snowmobiling, it would be a good idea to carry emergency gear with you, i.e. flashlight, shovel, ropes etc.

Please be courteous while parking your vehicles in the winter parking lot. If you have a truck with a trailer, you need to park in the designated row marked "Trucks with Trailers only". The same holds true, for vehicles without trailers should not be parked in that row.

We still have available spaces in the "Diesel Parking Row" that cost \$200 for the entire winter season. There are four (4) temporary diesel spaces available in the winter parking lot marked "A,B,C & D" on the west power pole. To access a space, please contact the Security Officer on duty to unlock the power receptacle. The cost is \$10 per weekend (Fri. – Sun.) or \$25 for seven (7) days. Please advise your guests, visitors, renters and service personnel to follow our AIA regulations and winter parking rules. For this purpose, we have again published the "Winter Parking" rules.

We added new security cameras to monitor our winter parking lot this year on the east side of the maintenance shed. We have been testing these cameras for accuracy, sharpness of images and quality. Once the test period is completed, we will determine if these cameras meet our needs or if we need to upgrade them to a higher quality level of camera. We will then have additional cameras placed that will cover the west side of the parking lot. Please be reminded, when leaving vehicles in the parking lot for an extended time to leave a spare key with Security. The keys will be marked and kept in a secured locked key box. The reason is, in case we need to groom the parking lot during your absence, all vehicles have to be removed prior to grooming. Be cognizant about theft prevention, lock your vehicle(s) at all time and remove valuable items from inside and outside of your vehicle. Your Arrowhead security team would like to wish you all a "Happy Holiday" season and if we can assist you in any way, please contact us at 970-862-8262 and leave us a message or call our cell phone, 970-209-6335.

Please see Winter Parking Regulations
 on page 17

DESIGN REVIEW'S MESSAGE

Joyce Boulter

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I thought I was going to get a long winter's nap. And then popped up in my email, a request for a house or two next summer.

So I guess we will have some work for next year. Please try to get plans to me by email or mail a week before a meeting. We can review them and be ready for the meeting.

Following is a schedule for next years meetings.

Design Review Committee Meeting Schedule for 2013

January - no
meeting

February - 11 *

March - 11

April -15

May - 13

June - 10

July - 15

August - 12

September - 16

October - 14 *

November - no
meeting

December - no
meeting

* may be cancelled if there is no work

November 27, 2012

William "Bill" Fry, longtime summer resident of Arrowhead, passed away in Dallas on Tuesday, November 20. He was a man of deep Christian faith, a big Texas grin and a talent for dominos, as all who attend Tuesday night supper will attest. Bill loved Arrowhead.

Bill loved most his family. He is survived by wife Sidney, his two sons and daughters-in-law, one daughter and son-in-law and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Bill will be greatly missed.

IN MEMORIAM



**Get to Know your AIA Board Members
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Jan. 19th, 2013	Jul. 20th, 2013
Mar. 16th 2013	Aug. 17th, 2013
May 18th, 2013	Sept. 14th, 2013
Jun. 15th, 2013	Oct. 19th, 2013

AIA Board Meetings are on Saturday for your convenience

(cut out and put on fridge!)

We wish
you a Merry
Christmas
...and a
Happy
New Year!



The Board Welcomes Bobbie Kerns & Barrie Riddoch

For your information, I have compiled the complete results for the election. It is with regret that we will lose two hard-working members of our BOD. Thanks Bob Hernandez and Larry Bruestle for all of the work you have done to serve the community as directors of the board. I know we have more work to do before you leave us, but I wanted to be sure to let you know that you have both been diligent in your work as board members and have served your community well.

Thanks,
Carol Flick, AIA BOD Secretary

**VOTE NUMBERS- Kerns-365,
Riddoch-361, Hernandez-219, Brustle-188**



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MOUNTAIN HEALTH



Joyce Boulter

Most of the winter residents are ready for their play season. We get excited and energetic when the snow flies. But we need to be mindful of the problems that extreme cold can bring, especially those winter warriors who come up on weekends and holidays. Extreme cold is also more dangerous as we get older, and even though we don't act like it most of the residents are at least eligible for AARP.

Plan ahead. Doesn't that sound familiar? Extreme cold is anything decidedly below normal. Temperatures near freezing could be extreme cold in Texas or Florida, while in Arrowhead temperatures from about 15 to -20 are extreme cold. First plan for emergencies in your house. You should have food that doesn't require cooking or refrigeration, such as crackers, bread, cereal, canned food and dried fruits. Parmalat is a packaged milk that has a shelf life of about 6 months and nice to keep on hand. You should also have some kind of back up heating that doesn't rely on electricity. If you take medications, it is good to have several weeks supply on hand. Other supplies needed for the winter would be a battery-powered radio, waterproof matches, flashlights and batteries, extra blankets, and non-electric can opener. All of our houses have smoke detectors, but you also need a carbon monoxide detector and an indoor/outdoor thermometer. I keep a box of supplies for the car also. It should contain; blankets, first aid kit, waterproof matches, windshield scraper, booster cables, paper towels, sand or cat litter, towrope, chains, collapsible shovel, flashlight and batteries, canned food and opener or dried high calorie food and a bright colored cloth.

Outdoor safety is more important as most of us are outdoors in the winter, even if it is only to ride the snowmobile to the parking lot. Wind chill is very important to take into consideration. For example: a temperature of 0° will feel like -22° with a wind of 20 mph. Wear warm clothes in layers. The outside layer should be water and wind resistant. Good gloves, boots and head covering are also essential. Shivering is your body's way to keep warm and persistent shivering is a signal to get indoors.

Always be safe on your recreational outings. Let someone know where you are going and expected return time. You should never go out alone, but if you do, carry a cell phone, it just might work. Also carry flares and a mirror. Wear appropriate clothing and carry emergency supplies. Hypothermia and frostbite are the most common cold emergencies. **Hypothermia** is the cooling of the body core temperature to below 95°. The signs include uncontrolled shivering, exhaustion, confusion, memory loss, slurred speech and drowsiness. Call immediately for medical help and begin warming the person. There is a phone in the heated shed in the parking lot. There is also an emergency phone at the phone boxes about half way down the Alpine. Cell phones work in many areas on the mountain, but 911 will work in most areas even if you don't have service from your carrier. The emergency number in Arrowhead is 911, Gunnison dispatch will then notify our emergency team. First get victim into a warm room or shelter and remove any wet clothing. If shelter is not available protect the victim from cold and wind. Be extremely careful when moving a hypothermic person, sudden or jarring movement could cause more damage. Use a blanket if available. It is essential to warm the center of the body first, chest, neck, head and groin. Use skin-to-skin contact or loose dry layers of blankets. Warm beverages will help, but do not give alcohol or caffeine. If the victim is unconscious, warm the body, but do not give fluids. Monitor the unconscious victim carefully for pulse and breathing, it will be more difficult to feel pulse, so check for at least 1 minute. CPR may be needed if there is no pulse or breathing. **Frostbite** occurs on exposed areas of skin, most commonly on the nose, face, ears, fingers and feet. It is also a medical emergency. Until medical help arrives, warm the affected area using water that is body temperature or use body heat by placing hands in the armpit. Never rub the area with snow or massage it at all, it could damage the skin. Don't use heating pads or place near a source of heat like a fireplace or stove as you could burn the numb area.

Remember when it is **COLD**:

C= Cover your head and hands, mittens are warmer than gloves.

O= Overexertion, avoid activities that make you sweat. Wet clothes increase chills.

L= Layer your clothing. Wool, silk or polypropylene hold more body heat than cotton.

D= Dry; stay as dry as you can. Watch for places snow can enter such as around gloves or boots.

Let's have a safe winter.

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THE YEAR IN PICTURES 2012

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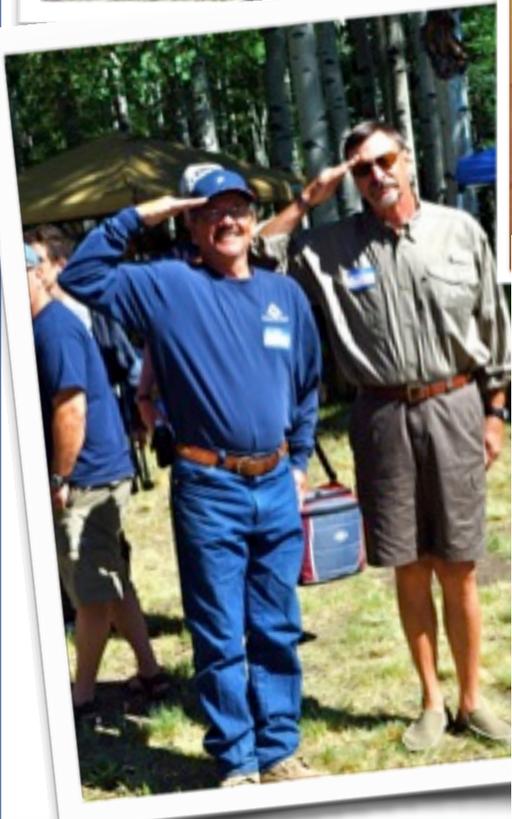


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- Nick Garreffa



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SNOW REPORT
by
LINDA DYSART

Dec 9, 2012

Total snowfall this season-
31.5"

Base - 9"

Note- Total snowfall is deceptive-
this is due to a total melt of
November's snow on Dec. 6 which
reduced us to 0" before this past
week's great snow!

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and a Stellar's Jay in a fir tree.

On the third day of Christmas my true love gave to me 3 flannel nighties, 2 Baffin booties and
a Stellar's Jay in a fir tree.

On the fourth day of Christmas my true love gave to me 4 Cabela's giftcards,
3 flannel nighties, 2 Baffin booties and a Stellar's Jay in a fir tree.

On the fifth day of Christmas my true love gave to me...5 *Golden Fingers!
4 Cabela's giftcards, 3 flannel nighties, 2 Baffin booties and a Stellar's Jay in a fir tree.

On the sixth day of Christmas my true love gave to me 6 pairs of long johns,
5 *Golden Fingers! 4 Cabela's giftcards, 3 flannel nighties, 2 Baffin booties and a Stellar's Jay
in a fir tree.

On the seventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me 7 blizzards raging,
6 pairs of long johns, 5 *Golden Fingers, 4 Cabela's giftcards, 3 flannel nighties, 2 Baffin
booties and a Stellar's Jay in a fir tree.

On the eighth day of Christmas my true love gave to me 8 bags of Ice-Melt,
7 blizzards raging, 6 pairs of long johns, 5 *Golden Fingers, 4 Cabela's giftcards, 3 flannel
nighties, 2 Baffin booties and a Stellar's Jay in a fir tree.

On the ninth day of Christmas my true love gave to me 9 black bears dancing,
8 bags of Ice-Melt, 7 blizzards raging, 6 pairs of long johns, 5 *Golden Fingers, 4 Cabela's
giftcards, 3 flannel nighties, 2 Baffin booties and a Stellar's Jay in a fir tree.

On the tenth day of Christmas my true love gave to me 10 elk a-leaping,
9 black bears dancing, 8 bags of Ice-Melt, 7 blizzards raging, 6 pairs of long johns, 5 *Golden
Fingers, 4 Cabela's giftcards, 3 flannel nighties, 2 Baffin booties and a Stellar's Jay in a fir
tree.

On the eleventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me 11 cords of aspen,
10 elk a-leaping, 9 black bears dancing, 8 bags of Ice-Melt, 7 blizzards raging, 6 pairs of long
johns, 5 *Golden Fingers, 4 Cabela's giftcards, 3 flannel nighties, 2 Baffin booties a Stellar's
Jay in a fir tree.

On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love gave to me 12 guests for Christmas dinner, 11
cords of aspen, 10 elk a-leaping, 9 black bears dancing, 8 bags of Ice-Melt, 7 blizzards raging,
6 pairs of long johns, 5 *Golden Fingers, 4 Cabela's giftcards, 3 flannel nighties, 2 Baffin
booties and a Stellar's Jay in a fir tree.

* a left hand snowmobile throttle

WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

Arrowhead Improvements Association

Winter Parking

1. **You must have a yellow numbered sticker on your motor vehicles, trailers, snowmobiles, ATV's and UTV's in order to use the winter parking lot.** There is a sign in the parking lot, "Vehicles without an AIA numbered sticker will be towed at the owner's expense". Security personnel will patrol the lot for rule infractions and take appropriate action. Do not leave a vehicle in the main parking lot for an extended period of time that cannot be moved if the lot needs plowed. Leave a spare key(s) with Security for vehicles remaining in parking lot for any extended period. Each owner is allowed two (2) non-paid spaces in the parking lot.
2. Paid spaces will be provided for open/enclosed trailers. Enclosed trailers will park in the designated far West side. Snow removal will not be provided to this area thus these trailers will not be required to move when the lot is plowed. Open trailers will park on the North/West corner of the main parking lot. Spaces are available for a fee of \$50.00 per space and see Security personnel to secure a long-term trailer space.
3. Snowmobiles will be parked on the elevated West side area of the parking lot. Short-term parking of snowmobiles and UTV's will be allowed for a maximum of three (3) nights in the main area of the parking lot. Chaining multiple snowmobiles together in the vehicle parking area is not allowed.
4. Guests parking will be provided on a limited basis. Two (2) guest passes will be provided to each lot owner and are available from Security personnel. Guest passes are to be placed on the dash board of the guest vehicles. Property owners are responsible for their guests. Please inform your guests that a telephone is available in the warming hut for local calls only.
5. Weekend vehicles with trailers are to park in the designated area, which is the first row South of the diesel parking. The vehicle and trailer both must have an AIA numbered sticker or guest pass. No parking will be allowed on the East side of the parking lot. The snowplow must have clear access through this area to dispose of snow during routine grooming and to provide emergency access to egress.
6. Vehicles, snowmobiles and trailers may be parked in the parking lot no earlier than the second Saturday of October and must be removed from the parking lot no later than May 31st each year (Per our County Use Permit). Vehicles, trailers, snowmobiles, ATV's & UTV's left in the parking lot after May 31st will be impounded and charged a \$100 fee; unless other arrangements have been made. Vehicles remaining past 90 days in the impound area will be removed at the owner's expense.
7. Vehicles with diesel engines have priority for diesel parking spaces. There are now 30 diesel parking spaces. Assignment of a parking space to a diesel vehicle must be reserved and paid for by October 1st. After Oct. 1st, if space is available, assignments will be made on a first come basis. **The fee is \$200 for the season, \$25 per week or \$10.00 for the weekend (if space is still available).** See Security personnel to reserve a space and pay your fee.
8. When leaving the lot on snowmobile **please stay on marked trails and observe traffic regulations.**

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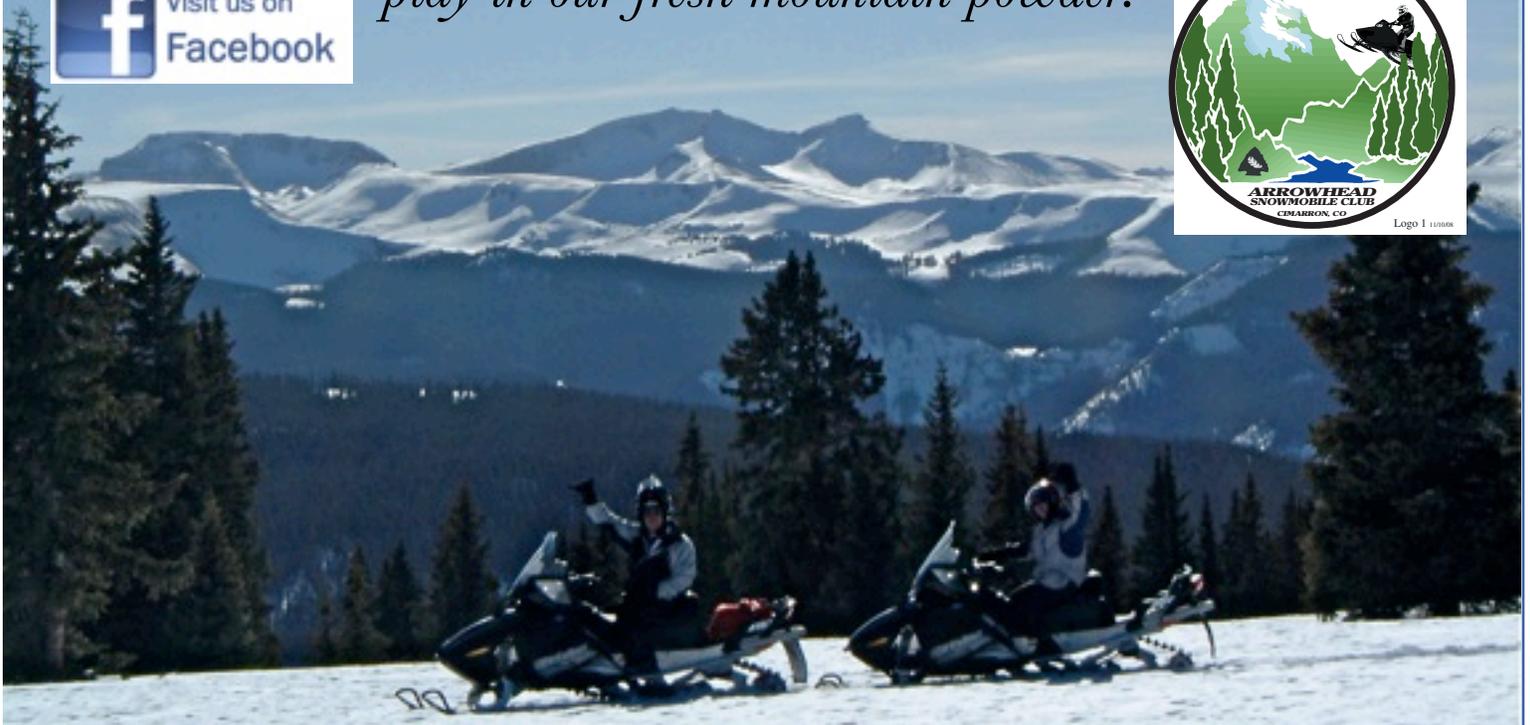
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ARROWHEAD SNOWMOBILE CLUB

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The Arrowhead Snowmobile Club holds three organized rides each year. This year, we'll meet at folks houses for a quick ASC Meeting then break into groups based on experience level- from hot-doggers to first time riders!

A bonfire and brats lunch awaits everyone up at Willow Park (alt- 11,500 ft) as we take a breather, enjoy the mountain vistas and socialize with other snowmachine lovers.

Our club invites you to join us! Call or email Lucia Lebon at 970-862-8239 or llebon05@gmail.com for more information!

Ride dates for this year are Jan. 12th, Feb. 9th and Mar. 9rd!

For more info and updates, join the [ASC Facebook](#)

REMEMBER- part of your CSA dues go to help keep our subdivision filing roads groomed! Go to www.snowmobilecolo.com

ARROWHEAD SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Why should you join the Arrowhead Snowmobile Club (ASC)?

SAFETY- Having nicely groomed trails allows homeowners to safely and comfortably travel from the parking lot to their cabin. Imagine having to travel on a bumpy trail especially in a Ranger! And though Security normally breaks trail after a storm, groomed trails help provide a clear and obvious trail if Security hasn't been around to break trail on all the filing roads before you need to ride on them.

FIRE PROTECTION - Most importantly, to use our snowcat for fire suppression in the winter season groomed filing roads are needed. This benefits ALL homeowners. **Our fire suppression ranking (ISO) that insurance companies use to determine rates for Arrowhead was improved because of our ability to use a tracked fire truck in the winter.** And while the probability of a non-occupied cabin catching fire in the winter is low there's still the possibility. Without groomed roads house fire suppression would be more difficult and acquiring homeowners insurance would be much more difficult and expensive. Groomed roads are great for cross country and skate skiing as well as walking and snowshoeing.

The Arrowhead Snowmobile Club makes it possible to **receive state and federal funds** for the continued upgrade of grooming machines. **Without the ASC, AIA would have to foot the bill for a groomer and all maintenance and repair costs.** For property owners that live here full-time and part-time residents that come up in the winter by being a Club member you're helping to keep AIA costs down for winter services .

The ASC grooms the up-country trails for pleasure riding. Not only are the up-country trails used by snowmobilers, skiers and dog mushers also use the trails. You help support a Arrowhead community organization.

Why should you join the Colorado Snowmobile Association (CSA)?

Without the CSA our local club would not receive the state and federal funds that they make available for a groomer and grooming. ASC not only receives funds for groomer purchases, the club receive \$100 for every hour it grooms upcountry.

CSA supports and protects the rights of winter motorized recreationists and protection of access on public lands.

If for some reason you don't want to join the Arrowhead Snowmobile Club you can just join CSA.

TO JOIN CSA and ASC ONLINE GO TO
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[ASC's Facebook](#) <<(click here!)

Why should you register your snowmobile with State Parks?

A portion of the money State Parks receives (80%) is given to CSA for grooming funds.

If you snowmobile outside of Arrowhead it's mandatory that your snowmobile be registered. You could be fined if you're caught with an unregistered snowmobile.

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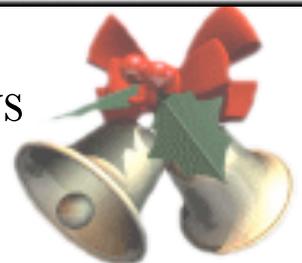
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2013 BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

*The Arrowhead Book Club meets for lunch on the second Friday of each month at 11:30 to socialize and discuss books. We'd love to have you join us!
Everyone is welcome, even if you have not read the book!*

The dates for the 2013 meetings and books to be discussed are:

January 11th- Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simpson

February 8th- Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand

March 8th- A Voice in the Wind by Francine Rivers

***June 7th- The Casual Vacancy by J.K.Rowling**

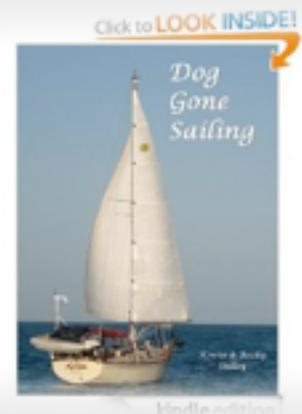
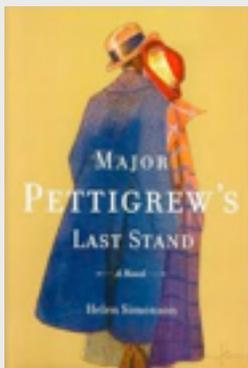
July 12th-The Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton

August 9th- Dog Gone Sailing by Kevin & Becky Stilley

***September 6th- Watch Over Me by Chista Parrish**

October 11th- Flashback by Nevada Barr

*** These meetings will be held a week earlier**



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